

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #85A-11 Building Date: ca. 1872, ca. 1915

Building Name: William H. Early Store

Location: 14034 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description:

The William H. Early Store is a three-part building which stands on the north side of the road through the village of Brandywine just west of the Conrail tracks. The main block is a five-bay-by-two-bay two-and-one-half-story gable-roofed frame structure. Entrance is in the central bay of the five bay (main) south facade. The main block is covered with white asbestos shingle. A black terra cotta acroterion highlights the peak of the roof at the west gable end. The roof is of patterned metal shingle, and the foundation appears to be concrete. Attached to the (rear) north facade of this main block and of equal width is a two-story hip-roofed wing; it is four bays wide and two bays deep. Its first story is covered with patterned gray asphalt shingle and second story with white asbestos shingle. The roof is of patterned metal shingle. At the central peak of the pyramidal roof is a black acroterion. Attached to the rear (north) of this hip-roofed section is a one-story gable-roofed storage wing, its roof ridge perpendicular to that of the main block. It is two bays deep, is constructed of concrete block, and has an asphalt shingle roof.

Significance:

The William H. Early Store is a prominent landmark in the town of Brandywine, and has been so since the construction of the Railroad through that community in the early 1870's. Although significantly altered, it is still a good example of a successful late-nineteenth century general store. William H. Early opened his first store and post office one mile east of the present store. The construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through the Brandywine District, however, opened up new business opportunities, and William H. Early in 1872 purchased 42 acres which lay along the tracks and which became the nucleus of the village of Brandywine. The main block of the store was constructed in that year, and in it Early ran a retail business and post office in partnership with his sons. By the time of his death in 1890, William H. Early owned 3000 acres in the Brandywine area. His real estate was divided among his heirs, and his son, Charles S. Early, was allotted Block F, a 4.4 acre parcel which included the general store. The store continued, under the management of his son-in-law and son, as the "Bean and Early Store". Before World War I the rear hip-roofed section was added, essentially doubling the store area; the rear concrete-block warehouse was constructed a short time after the war. The Early Store is a noticeable landmark in the village of Brandywine. It has been significantly expanded and altered over the years, but still retains some of its Victorian detail. It is a visible reminder of the earlier commercial activity of this railroad-oriented village.

Acreage: 30,000 sq. ft.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. P.G. #85A-11

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William H. Early and Co. Store

and/or common Bean and Early Store

2. Location

street & number 14034 Brandywine Road (Maryland Route 381) ☐ not for publication

city, town Brandywine ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md. county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
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<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John and Dorothy Yerkie

street & number c/o 14034 Brandywine Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine state and zip code MD 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's Co., Courthouse liber 4892

street & number Main Street folio 535

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division

city, town Riverdale, state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #85A-11

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William H. Early Store is a three-part building which stands on the north side of the road through the village of Brandywine just west of the Conrail tracks. The main block is a five-bay-by-two-bay two-and-one-half-story gable-roofed frame structure. Entrance is in the central bay of the five bay (main) south facade. The first bay of this main block has been converted into a second doorway, with a three-pane transom. A one-story porch with plain posts spans the south facade and wraps around part of the east and west gable ends. The part of the porch at the west gable end has been enclosed; at the east gable end an enclosed room has been built over the porch at second story level.

The main block is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the enclosed portions of the porch with aluminum siding. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash without shutters. There is a small 2/2 window at third level in each of the east and west ends. Cornices are boxed and returned. There is an exterior brick stove chimney at the west gable end south of the ridge, and another interior stove chimney near it in the south plane of the roof. A black terra cotta acroterion highlights the peak of the roof at the west gable end. The roof is of patterned metal shingle, and the foundation appears to be concrete.

Attached to the (rear) north facade of this main block and of equal width is a two-story hip-roofed wing; it is four bays wide and two bays deep. Its first story is covered with patterned gray asphalt shingle and second story with white asbestos shingle. Windows, like those in the main block, are 6/6 double hung sash. Trim around the windows is highlighted with black paint, as it is in the gable-end windows of the main block. The roof, like that of the main block, is of patterned metal shingle. At the central peak of the pyramidal roof is a black acroterion.

Attached to the rear (north) of this hip-roofed section is a one-story gable-roofed storage wing, its roof ridge running perpendicular to that of the main block. It is two bays deep on its long east and west facades, is constructed of concrete block, and has an asphalt shingle roof.

This three-part store building is set back from the Brandywine Road; the lot is bordered on the east by the Popes Creek line of the Conrail railroad. There are no outbuildings.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #85A-11

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates 1872, ca. 1915 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William H. Early Store is a prominent landmark in the town of Brandywine, and has been so since the construction of the Railroad through that community in the early 1870's. Although significantly altered, it is still a good example of a successful late-nineteenth century general store.

William H. Early opened his first store and post office one mile east of the present store; his farm and dwelling house (no longer standing) adjoined the store.¹ The construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through the Brandywine District, however, opened up new business opportunities, and William H. Early in 1872 purchased 42 acres of a tract called Widow's Trouble which lay along the tracks both north and south of the public road. It was this parcel of land which was to become the nucleus of the village of Brandywine.

The main block of the store was constructed in that year, and in it Early ran a retail business and post office in partnership with his sons, James A. and Charles S. Early.² The store is reputed to have stocked a wide variety of goods; the company prospered, and Early bought up more and more of the neighboring land. By the time of his death in 1890, William H. Early owned 3000 acres in the Brandywine area, comprising most of the village itself. Commissioners were appointed to divide Early's real estate among his heirs. His son, Charles S. Early, was allotted Block F, a 4.4 acre parcel which included the general store.³ Charles Early provided homes for his three children on the lots of Block F which lay north of the store (cf. #85A-10); the store itself continued, under the management of his son-in-law and son, as the "Bean and Early Store". Before World War I the rear hip-roofed section was added, essentially doubling the store area; the rear concrete-block warehouse was constructed a short time after the war. For many years during this century, the upstairs of the store housed the village dentist's office.⁴

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Chain of Title

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 30,000 sq. ft., TM #145, parcel 212

Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl , Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date July 1985

street & number c/o Co. Planning, MNCPPC telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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8. Continued

In the 1950's the store was sold, and continued to operate as "Fred Garner's Market." The Garners sold the store in 1978 and it has since been operated as a furniture upholstery shop.⁵

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Notes

- 1 Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861
- 2 Prince George's County Deeds HB#5:566; HB#10:564
- 3 Prince George's County Equity #1904; conversation with Early family member, July 1985.
- 4 Prince George's County Equity #B-1095; Prince George's County Deed #2106:377
- 5 Prince George's County Deed #4892:535

Chain of Title

William H. Early Store
P.G. #85A-11

#4892:535 20 Feb. 1978 Deed	A. Fred and Alma Garner to John and Dorothy Yerkie, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block F, Brandywine, as per plat in Equity #1904; same which grantors acquired by #3911:822.
#3911:822 1 May 1971 Deed	Margaret Delaney to A. Fred and Alma Garner; Lots 1-5, Block F, Brandywine; same acquired by #2106:376.
#3911:820 1 Feb 1971 Deed	A. Fred and Alma Garner to Margaret Delaney, for purpose of reconveying, Lots 1-5; Block F, Brandywine; same described in #2106:376.
#2106:376 15 Apr 1957 Deed	Ernest Loveless, trustee in Equity B-1095, to A. Fred Garner; Lots 1-5, Block F Brandywine; all interest of parties in Equity B-1095.
#2106:377 15 Apr 1957 Mortgage	A. Fred Garner to Carle and Louise Ireland, to secure debt of \$16,000; Lots 1-5, Block F, Brandywine, plus stock in trade, fixtures and equipment on premises of general merchandise business "formerly known as Bean and Early Store, known now as Fred Garner's Market" (release, #3762:333).
#B-1095 1957 Equity	Heirs of Lewis M. Early vs. A. Fred Garner and James and Marion Bean; Petition of parties to sell Bean and Early Store to Garner. Beans hold 1/2 interest in store; Lewis M. Early, who died 1953, held other 1/2 interest which he inherited from his father, Charles S. Early II by will WCH#2:157. Decree 28 Feb 1957 to sell property, Ernest Loveless appointed trustee to sale.
WCH#2:157 29 Dec 1953 Will	Testator, Charles S. Early; to son Lewis M. Early, 1/2 interest in Bean and Early Store, and in Lots 1-5, Block F, Brandywine.
#127:253 1 Sept 1917 Deed	Paul Johannsen to Charles and Cora Early and to Marion and James Bean, to each couple an undivided 1/2 interest in Lots 1-5, Block F, Brandywine; same conveyed on even date.
#127:252 1 Sept 1917 Deed	Charles S. and Cora Early, and Marion and James A. Bean, to Paul Johannsen, Lots 1-5, Block F, Brandywine, same property conveyed by #101:156, and #88:146.

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#101:156
27 June 1914
Deed

Georgia W. Early, widow, et al, heirs of Charles S. Early, deceased, to Charles S. Early and Marion Bean, as tenants in common, Lots 1-5, Block F, Brandywine; same which was allotted to Charles S. Early by Commissioners appointed to divide the real estate of William H. Early, deceased, Equity #1904.

#1904
1893
Equity

Division of real estate of William H. Early, deceased 1890; among real estate allotted to his son, Charles S. Early, is 4.4 acre lot known as Block F, Brandywine City.

HB#5:566
24 Feb 1872
Deed

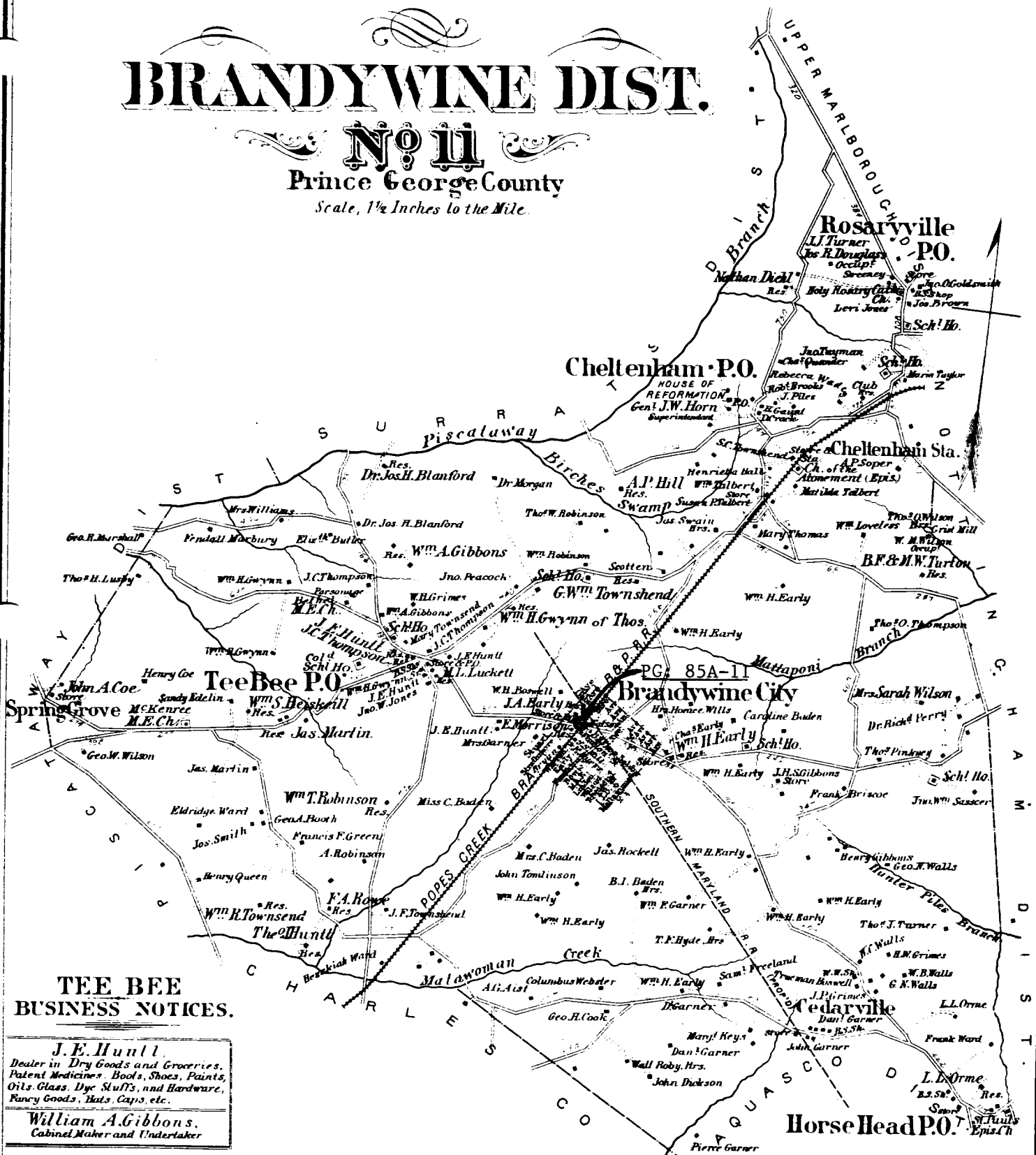
Daniel Garner, constable, to William H. Early, for \$300; 42 1/2 acres known as Widow's Trouble on which Henry C. Boswell resided, lying on each side of the public road from Brandywine to T.B.; sale to satisfy four judgments against Henry C. Boswell.

BRANDYWINE DIST.

No. 11

Prince George County

Scale, 1 1/4 Inches to the Mile.



TEE BEE BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. E. Hunt.

Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,
Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Paints,
Oils, Glass, Dye Stuffs, and Hardware,
Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.

William A. Gibbons.
Cabinet Maker and Undertaker

SPRING GROVE

John A. Coe,

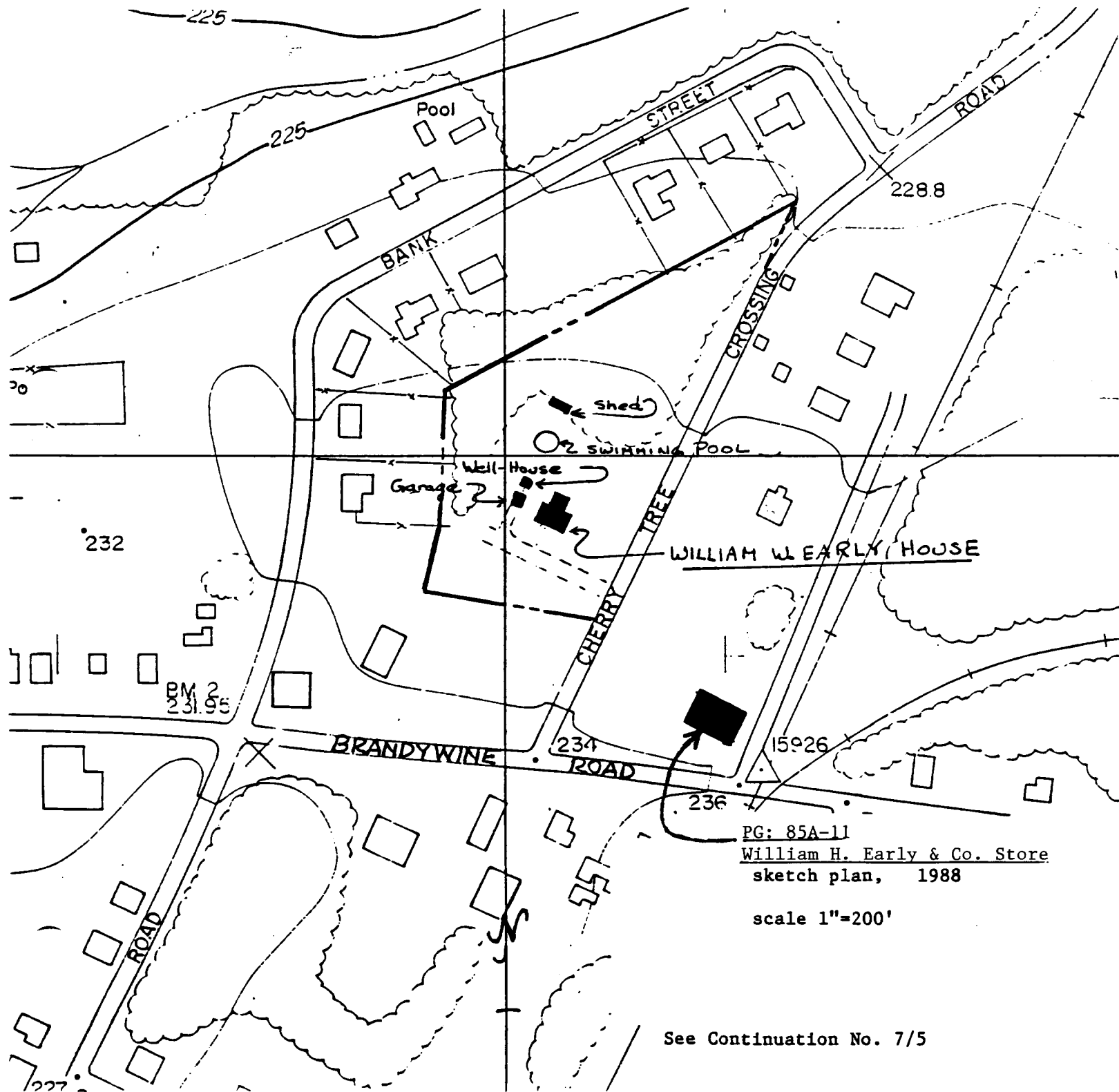
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 William H. Early and Co. Store
 (Bean and Early Store)
 14034 Brandywine Road (MD 381)
 Brandywine, Maryland

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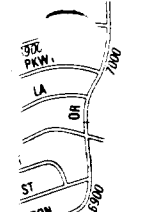
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Piscataway Creek Stream Valley Park



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Piscataway Creek Stream Valley Park

PISCATAWAY CREEK

STREAM VALLEY PARK

BRANDYWINE COMM. PARK

Chapel of Incarnation

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BRANDYWINE

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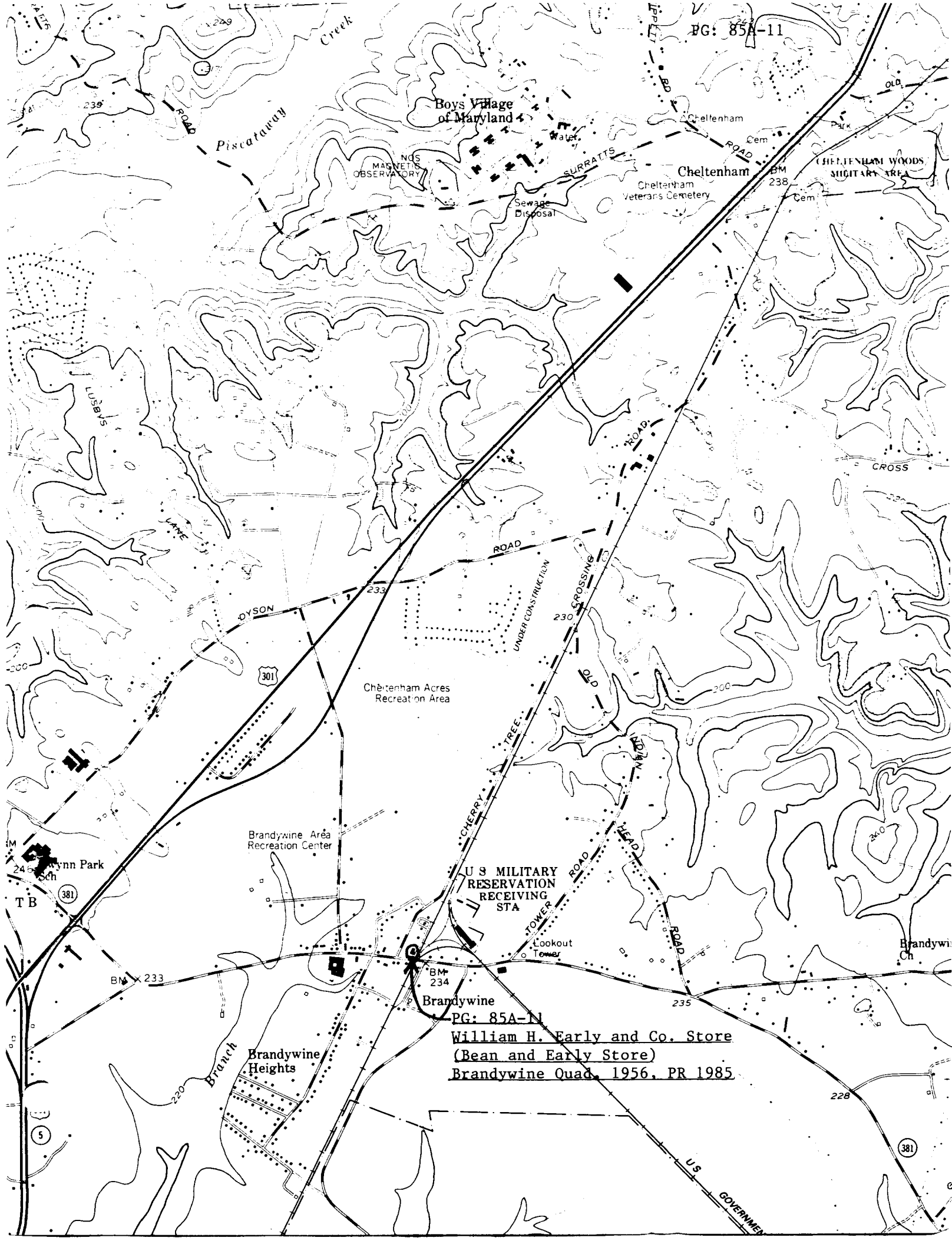
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Boys Village of Maryland

NGS MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

CHELTEHAM WOODS MILITARY AREA

Cheltenham Acres Recreation Area

Brandywine Area Recreation Center

U.S. MILITARY RESERVATION RECEIVING STA

Brandywine

Brandywine Heights

PG: 85A-11
William H. Early and Co. Store
(Bean and Early Store)
Brandywine Quad, 1956, PR 1985

U.S. GOVERNMENT



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William H. Early Store
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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William H. Early Store

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

West elevation

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P.G. #85A-11

William H. Early Store
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

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Northeast 3/4 elevation

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